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SUBJECT: RICARDO LAU

1. [REDACTED] HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF RICARDO "CHINO" LAU [REDACTED]

2. ALTHOUGH NOT SPECIFICALLY ASKED TO COMMENT, [REDACTED] PROVIDES FOLLOWING COMMENTS TO REF INQUIRY: WHILE RICARDO LAU WAS FREQUENTLY CITED AS ONE OF THE MOST NOTORIOUS FORMER NATIONAL GUARDSMEN IN THE FDN RANKS, I AM NOT AWARE OF ANY FDN PLOT TO HAVE HIM KILLED IN 1983, OR ANY OTHER TIME. C/A [REDACTED] REPEATEDLY PRESSED TO HAVE THE FDN GENERAL STAFF REMOVE RICARDO LAU FROM HIS POSITION AS HEAD OF COUNTER INTELLIGENCE, AND EVEN TO ASSIGN HIM OUTSIDE OF HONDURAS OR TO LESS VISIBLE POSITION. IT WAS ONLY AFTER CONSIDERABLE PRESSURING THAT THE FDN AGREED TO SEND RICARDO LAU TO GUATEMALA IN SOME LIAISON CAPACITY. AT NO TIME WAS HE OUT OF FAVOR WITH THE FDN LEADERSHIP.

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